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SUBJ: UN LEGAL SUBCOMMITTEE WRAP-UP ON REMOTE SENSING

1. SUMMARY. ELEVEN PREVIOUSLY DRAFTED PRINCIPLES WERE
REREAD AND SOME BRACKETTED LANGUAGE DELETED. ONE NEW
PRINCIPLE ON DEFINITION OF TERMS WAS ADDED, AND FIVE PRO-
POSED PRINCIPLE TEXTS WERE TABLED DEALING RESPECTIVELY
WITH CONSULTATION, SOVEREIGNTY OVER RESOURCES AND INFORMA-
TION, NOTIFICATION, CONTROL ON DISSEMINATION, AND SETTLE-
MENT OF DISPUTES; BUT ALL FIVE ARE WHOLLY BRACKETTED,
INDICATING THAT NOT ALL STATES AGREE THAT SUCH PRINCIPLES
ARE NEEDED OR APPROPRIATE.

2. NO MAJOR OR SUBSTANTIVE CHANGES IN PRINCIPLES PRE-
VIOUSLY DISCUSSED WERE MADE DURING THIS SESSION. THE
ONLY ADDED PRINCIPLE GENERALLY AGREED IS NEW PRINCIPLE I
WHICH DEALS WITH DEFINITIONS AS FOLLOWS:

QUOTE.

(A) THE TERM "REMOTE SENSING OF THE EARTH" MEANS
"REMOTE SENSING OF THE NATURAL RESOURCES OF THE EARTH AND
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ITS ENVIRONMENT."

(B) THE TERM "OPEN BRAC PRIMARY CLOSE BRAC DATA"
MEANS THOSE OPEN BRAC PRIMARY CLOSE BRAC DATA WHICH ARE
ACQUIRED BY SATELLITE-BORNE REMOTE SENSORS AND TRANS-
MITTED FROM A SATELLITE EITHER BY TELEMETRY IN THE FORM OF
ELECTROMAGNETIC SIGNALS OR PHYSICALLY IN ANY FORM SUCH AS

PHOTOGRAPHIC FILM OR MAGNETIC TAPE, AS WELL AS PREPROCESSED PRODUCTS DERIVED FROM THOSE DATA WHICH MAY BE NEEDED FOR LATER ANALYSIS.

(C) THE TERM OPEN BRAC "ANALYZED CLOSE BRAC INFORMATION" MEANS THE END-PRODUCT RESULTING FROM THE ANALYTICAL PROCESS PERFORMED ON THE OPEN BRAC PRIMARY CLOSE BRAC DATA OPEN BRAC AS DEFINED IN PARAGRAPH (B) ABOVE CLOSE BRAC COMBINED WITH DATA AND/OR KNOWLEDGE OBTAINED FROM SOURCES OTHER THAN SATELLITE-BORNE REMOTE SENSORS. END QUOTE.

3. THE PRINCIPLE ON DEFINITIONS HAS FOUR FOOTNOTES WHICH PROVIDE THAT (A) THE QUESTION OF THE APPLICATION OF THESE PRINCIPLES TO INTERNATIONAL INTERGOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS WILL BE CONSIDERED LATER; (B) THE FORMULATION "WITH RESPECT TO REMOTE SENSING OF THE NATURAL RESOURCES OF THE EARTH AND ITS ENVIRONMENT" WILL BE REVIEWED IN LIGHT OF THE TITLE TO BE GIVEN TO THE PRINCIPLES; (C) THE SUBPARA (A) TERMINOLOGY IS STILL SUBJECT TO FURTHER DISCUSSION; (D) THE QUESTION OF THE INTRODUCTION OF THE TERMS PRIMARY DATA AND ANALYZED INFORMATION INTO THE TEXTS OF THE PRINCIPLES IS TO BE CONSIDERED LATER.

4. FULL TEXTS OF ALL PRINCIPLES WILL BE CARRIED TO THE DEPT BY S. BOND. THE BRACKETTING OF ALL NEWLY PROPOSED PRINCIPLES SUGGESTS THAT THERE IS NO LIKELY NEW PRINCIPLE
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THAT WILL BE PRESENTLY COMMONLY AGREED AS NECESSARY OR APPROPRIATE UNTIL QUESTION OF DATA DISSEMINATION IS RESOLVED. MOST LDC'S AND SOVIET BLOC STILL STRONGLY SUPPORT RESTRICTIONS ON DISSEMINATION OF DATA, HOWEVER, OPEN DISSEMINATION WAS STRONGLY SUPPORTED BY UK, FRG, JAPAN, AUSTRALIA, ITALY AND RECEIVED SUPPORT OF ARGENTINA BUT THAT MAY BE PERSONAL VIEW OF ARGENTINA DEL. CANADA WAS SILENT ON THIS TOPIC. MEXICO, CHILE, AND NIGERIA WOULD AGREE TO A RULE OF OPEN DISSEMINATION UNLESS SPECIFIC DETRIMENT COULD BE SHOWN BY SENSED STATE. MONGOLIA, SOVIET BLOC AND BRAZIL WERE ADAMANTLY IN FAVOR OF CONTROL OF DATA AND INFORMATION. LARGE NUMBER OF DELS SUPPORTED US VIEW THAT CONTROL OVER INFORMATION WAS NOT PRACTICABLE OR FEASIBLE UNDER EXISTING DOMESTIC LAWS AND WOULD INHIBIT SCIENTIFIC EXCHANGE. VANDEN HEUVEL

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